

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Title on page 1 as follows:

AN INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM, INFORMATION REPRODUCING
~~APPARATUS, AND INFORMATION RECORDING AND REPRODUCING~~
APPARATUS INCLUDING A SYSTEM LEAD-IN AREA, A DATA LEAD-IN AREA
AND A DATA AREA

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 277, line 6, with the following amended paragraph:

Basically, there is provided a structure in which a pre-equalizer output signal (~~Reed~~
Read channel 1) is binary coded by using a comparator.